

President of the Unalienable Rights Foundation

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Date: Thursday, June 07, 2012 1:22 PM
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Subject: RE: Board of Supervisors meeting

Dear Jim,

I forwarded your original request for meeting notification to the staff when I received it. Later, I very explicitly recall seeking (and receiving) oral confirmation that the matter had been taken care of. We have a list of folks, some for quite a while, that routinely get notified of meetings, and this request should have been just as routine.

I do apologize for this and am sorry, too, for the failure. I have assigned the matter now to Fredia Ward in this office and I expect that you will have no further issues with notifications. You asked properly and we should have notified you pursuant to that request. As you probably recollect, Yvonne Pennell has been out and we are getting by without her. For many years, this has been her task and had she been here, I expect this would not have happened.

While this is not a reason to have failed in our notification to you, I expect that it reveals the basis for the failure. I assure you it wasn't intransigence or me trying to make a point. You have every right to get the notification you requested, and I expect that you will get it in the future, as required by law.

Thank you for letting me know so promptly of the failure. Last night's meeting was a continuation of the Board's regular meeting from May. It was not a special called meeting. It had recessed to 4:00 p.m. yesterday here in the Board room to hear a presentation from the County's architect on office space issues. There was only one vote (to remove a privately owned building from further consideration) and the entire meeting was recorded and should be on the county's web site should you or anyone desire to hear it replayed. Also, we posted the meeting agenda on BoardDocs last week. That may be viewed online at <http://www.boarddocs.com/va/coa/Board.nsf/>.

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The Board did then recess until 6:30 p.m. yesterday at the Community College to participate in a public meeting held at the Workforce Development Center. That meeting was convened by the Eastern Shore Groundwater Committee on business of its own; however, there were anticipated to be more than two of our Board members present and Ms. Thornton, as Vice-Chair filling in for Ms. Gordy, asked to reconvened there.

Thank you.

Steve Miner

-----Original Message-----

From: James Frese [mailto:frese@uarf.us]

Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 5:39 PM

To: Steve Miner

Cc: Mark Taylor; Unalienable Rights Foundation; James Frese/
Community Empowerment Fellow / Civil Rights Div / UARF

Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting

Dear Mr. Miner,

As you know, on Friday, April 06, 2012, UARF and Lindsey made their annual request that you provide UARF and Lindsey with notice of Accomack County Board of Supervisors meetings in accordance with Code § 2.2-3707.

It is our understanding that a meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BS) of Accomack County has been scheduled for today. We have had no notice of this meeting and if true, it is a violation of the FOIA Laws.

I hope that my information is incorrect.

6/9/2012

Sincerely,

Jim Frese,
Community Empowerment Fellow